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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT:DAILY MAIL SUMMARY; THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 1976

A. LETTERS

1. CONGRESSMAN AND CHAIRMAN OF THE SPECIAL SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS LEE H. HAMILTON UNDERSTANDS THE UNITED STATES AND JORDAN ARE ABOUT TO CONCLUDE A PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT INVOLVING A REVISED PLAN FOR THE SALE TO JORDAN OF IMPROVED HAWK MISSILE BATTERIES. HE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF THIS REPORT IS CORRECT AND IF THE INFORMATION PROVIDED TO CONGRESS IN 1975 REGARDING FINANCING IS STILL ACCURATE; NAMELY, THAT THIS SALE WILL NOT INVOLVE ANY UNITED STATES AID FUNDS.

2. A SECOND LETTER FROM LEE HAMILTON CONCERNS THE FINANCING OF NUCLEAR AGREEMENTS, WHICH THE UNITED STATES IS ABOUT TO INITIAL WITH EGYPT AND ISRAEL. THE INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE BILL FOR FY 75 SAYS: "NONE OF THE FUNDS AUTHORIZED BY THIS ACT MAY BE USED TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION OF, THE OPERATION OR MAINTENANCE OF, OR THE

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SUPPLY OF FUEL FOR ANY NUCLEAR POWERPLANT IN ISRAEL OR

EGYPT, WHICH HAS BEEN APPROVED UNDER AN AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND EITHER SUCH COUNTRY." THIS PROVISION LAPSED UPON THE ENACTMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1975, COVERING FISCAL YEARS 1976 AND 1977. HAMILTON INTENDS TO USE THE FIRST POSSIBLE LEGISLATIVE VEHICLE TO INTRODUCE THIS PROVISION TO MAKE IT A PERMANENT PART OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION. HE HOPES NO FUNDS AUTHORIZED BY THE ACT OF 1961, AS AMENDED, WOULD BE USED IN THE INTERIM TO HELP FINANCE NUCLEAR AGREEMENTS IN THE MID EAST.

3. CONGRESSMAN JOHN MELCHER OF MONTANA WRITES ENCLOSING A LETTER FROM THE MAYOR OF CONRAD, MONTANA, REQUESTING SUGGESTIONS FOR MITIGATING LOCAL BUSINESS LOSSES STEMMING FROM THE ANTI-BALLISTIC MISSILE PROJECT SHUTDOWN IN 1972 AND ITS "BARGAINING CHIP" NATURE IN THE CONTEXT OF THE SALT AGREEMENTS.

4. DIPLOMATIC EDITOR OF ISRAEL TELEVISION, ELI EYAL, WRITES ASKING IF YOU WOULD AGREE TO APPEAR IN A QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS TELEVISION INTERVIEW FOR THE ISRAEL PUBLIC ON THE OCCASION OF THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE AGREEMENT SIGNED BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT AFTER YOUR AUGUST 1975 SHUTTLE. DUE TO PRESSURE OF WORK YOU WERE UNABLE TO KEEP YOUR LAST APPOINTMENT, WHICH EYAL SAYS YOU PROMISED AT THE KNESSET PARTY IN YOUR HONOR, FOR AN INTERVIEW. HE WILL COME TO WASHINGTON IF YOU AGREE.

5. ROBERT A. MAGOWAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF SAFEWAY STORES, INCORPORATED, WRITES HE THOUGHT YOUR TALK AT THE BOHEMIAN GROVE WAS MAGNIFICENT. HE'LL BE OUT OF THE COUNTRY SO WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE FOREIGN POLICY CONFERENCE FOR SENIOR BUSINESS EXECUTIVES SEPTEMBER 23RD.

6. PEARL BAILEY OFFERS HER ASSISTANCE IN REACHING OUT TO FURTHER OUR AID WITH AFRICA EITHER HERE IN THE UNITED NATIONS OR ABROAD.

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7. SENATOR JAMES ABOUREZK WRITES IT APPEARS ISRAEL HAS BEEN CONSISTENTLY VIOLATING OUR LAWS BY USING ARMS FURNISHED BY US DURING THE BOMBING RAIDS ON SOUTHERN LEBANON AND NOW BY FURNISHING ARMS TO ONE SIDE, THE PHALANGISTS. HE ASKS IF THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS STARTED ANY INVESTIGATION INTO THIS QUESTION AND WHETHER IT INTENDS TO FOLLOW THE LAW ACCORDING TO THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE ACT, WHICH PROHIBITS SUCH FURNISHING.

8. MR. HAYDN WILLIAMS SAYS IT WAS A PLEASURE TO TALK WITH YOU LAST FRIDAY AND LEARN OF YOUR CONTINUING INTEREST IN THE HARVARD INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ALUMNI CONFERENCE TO BE HELD THE WEEK OF AUGUST 8. HE SAYS HE IS GRATEFUL FOR YOUR OFFER TO SEND AN APPROPRIATE MESSAGE TO THE MEETING. (S/P IS PREPARING A MESSAGE FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.) DATUK ABDUL TAIB BIN MAHMUD, ONE OF YOUR "ALUMNI", HAS REQUESTED AN "INFORMAL" MEETING WITH YOU AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CONFERENCE. (EA IS PREPARING A RECOMMENDATION ON THIS APPOINTMENT.) A GUEST LIST IS ATTACHED AND AMONG THOSE CONFIRMED PARTICIPANTS ARE PAUL SEABURY, LOUIS LAZAROFF, AND EDITH COLIVER.

9. MR. AND MRS. PHILIP M. KNOX, JR. THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS IN INCLUDING THEM IN THE RECEPTION FOR THE SISCOS.

10. NASA ADMINISTRATOR JAMES FLETCHER WRITES THE SOVIET SIDE HAS NOW RESPONDED IN AN APPARENTLY FORTHCOMING MANNER REGARDING POSSIBLE MAJOR BILATERAL PROJECTS BY PROPOSING A MEETING ON SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS EARLIER PUT FORWARD BY US. THE SUBSTANCE WOULD REQUIRE JOINT STUDIES RATHER THAN COMMITMENTS AT THIS TIME. AN AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE HAS BEEN PREPARED AFTER A CHECK WAS MADE WITH YOUR STAFF AS WELL AS THAT OF THE NSC. THE DISCUSSIONS ARE TO BE TREATED IN LOW KEY SO FAR AS PUBLIC NOTICE IS CONCERNED. (CONFIDENTIAL)

B. SOCIAL INVITATIONS:

1. THE BRINKLEYS WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO A SMALL DINNER ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 22. IT WILL BE THEIR LAST
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WEEKEND IN WASHINGTON, AND THEY DO NOT PLAN TO INVITE ANYONE ELSE UNTIL THEY HEAR WHETHER YOU CAN COME. (DAVID ROCKEFELLER HAS ALSO INVITED YOU TO SEAL HARBOR THAT WEEKEND.) ACCEPT REGRET

C. TELEPHONE CALLS:

THERE WERE NO PHONE CALLS FOR YOU TODAY. HABIB

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